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LONDON FOR DAVID ANDERSON

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, GW, WB, US, FR, UK, UR  
SUBJECT: FRG REQUESTS ALLIED VIEWS ON MAYOR SCHUETZ  
ELECTION TO PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE  
COMMITTEE

BEGIN SUMMARY: FRG REP TO BONN GROUP HAS SOUGHT ALLIED  
VIEWS RE PROPOSED ELECTION OF BERLIN MAYOR KLAUS SCHUETZ  
AS BUNDESRAT CO-CHAIRMAN OF FRG PARLIAMENTARY CONFER-  
ENCE COMMITTEE. ACTION REQUESTED: URGENT GUIDANCE.  
END SUMMARY

1. AT THE APRIL 13, 1977 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG  
REPRESENTATIVE (HENZE) INFORMED US THAT THE POSSIBILITY  
WAS BEING DISCUSSED THAT GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ MIGHT  
BE ELECTED AS THE BUNDESRAT CHAIRMAN OF THE VERMITTLUNGS  
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AUSCHUSS (CONFERENCE COMMITTEE). WE WERE TOLD THAT THE  
COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF 22 MEMBERS, ELEVEN FROM EACH  
OF THE TWO HOUSES, AND THAT EACH GROUP HAS A CHAIRMAN.  
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BUNDESTAG SIDE IS ALWAYS FROM THE  
LARGEST PARTY IN THE BUNDESTAG AND THE CHAIRMAN OF  
THE BUNDESRAT SIDE IS ALWAYS FROM THE NEXT LARGEST  
PARTY. THEREFORE, THE LATTER CHAIRMAN MUST BE SPD.

THE COMMITTEE IS PROVIDED FOR BY ARTICLE 77 OF THE BASIC LAW. IT HAS NO POWER TO BIND EITHER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT BUT IS LIMITED TO A MEDIATING ROLE IN THE CASE OF DIFFERENCES OF VIEW BETWEEN THE BUNDESTAG AND BUNDESRAT.

WE RAISED SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT PAST PRECEDENT TO WHICH HENZE PROMISED TO OBTAIN ANSWERS. HENZE HAS SINCE INFORMED US THAT THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST TIME THAT A BERLINER IS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THIS COMMITTEE ALTHOUGH THERE ARE OTHER COMMITTEES WHICH BERLINERS HAVE HEADED.

2. ON APRIL 14, HENZE ASKED US TO KEEP THE QUESTION OF SCHUETZ' ELECTION VERY CLOSE SINCE THE QUESTION HAD APPARENTLY NOT COME FROM PARLIAMENT BUT FROM MESSRS. BAHR AND BRANDT.

3. ON APRIL 18, HENZE CALLED AGAIN TO SAY THAT ALLIED RESPONSE WAS NEEDED BY APRIL 19. WE PROMISED TO SEEK DEPARTMENT'S VIEW.

4. NEITHER THE FRENCH REP DE BOISSIEU NOR THE UK REP EYERS HAVE A REACTION FROM CAPITALS. DE BOISSIEU'S PERSONAL VIEW IS THAT THE MAYOR OF BERLIN SHOULD NOT BE SO DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION. HOWEVER, AS BEST WE CAN DETERMINE, THERE HAVE BEEN NO SOVIET PROTESTS AGAINST THE ACTIVITIES OF BERLINERS IN PARLIAMENT, ONLY AGAINST PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN. THE  
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PROPOSED ACTION WOULD NEITHER VIOLATE THE

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LITERAL TERMS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT NOR THE ALLIED RESERVATION THAT BERLIN REPRESENTATIVES "MAY NOT BE ACCORDED VOTING MEMBERSHIP" IN PARLIAMENT. BERLINERS ARE REPRESENTED ON ELEVEN OF THE NINETEEN BUNDESTAG COMMITTEES AND ALL BUNDESRAT COMMITTEES. EXCEPT FOR FIVE BERLINERS OUT OF 23 ON THE INNER-GERMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, THERE APPEARS TO BE NO PATTERN OF CONNECTION BETWEEN BERLIN'S SPECIAL INTERESTS AND THE COMMITTEES ON WHICH BERLINERS SERVE.

5. IN VIEW OF BRANDT/BAHR ROLE, IT IS PROBABLY MORE THAN COINCIDENTAL THAT SCHUETZ IS BEING PUSHED FOR THIS POSITION AT A TIME WHEN HIS CONTINUATION AS GOVERNING MAYOR HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF QUESTION. THE FACT THAT THE MATTER WAS RAISED BY THE FRG IN THE BONN GROUP REFLECTS THE FRG'S FEELING THAT THE MATTER CONFIDENTIAL

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COULD RUB ON SOVIET POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES.

6. COMMENT: OUR VIEW WOULD BE DIFFERENT IF A BERLINER WERE PROPOSED, FOR EXAMPLE, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE. IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, WE RECOMMEND THAT US REP TO BONN GROUP BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM UK AND FRENCH REPS THAT WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED ELECTION OF SCHUETZ. HOWEVER, IF UK AND FRENCH STRONGLY OPPOSE ELECTION, WE RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO MAINTAIN ALLIED UNITY.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: URGENT GUIDANCE.  
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